

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
Application Number: 10/082,327

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**REMARKS**

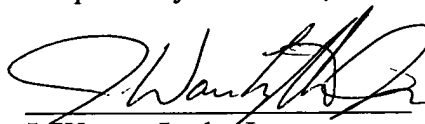
New claim 37 is added and claims 17, 23, 25 and 30 are cancelled. Hence, claims 1-16, 18-22, 24, 26-29 and 31-37 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner states in the Office Action, in numbered paragraph 11, that claims 23, 25 and 27 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant amends each of the independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 28, 33 and 35) to recite all the limitations of claim 23 and intervening claim 17. New claim 37 is added to recite all the limitations of claim 25 and its base claim, claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable over the prior art and in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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